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1. Each soldier [redacted] was issued a type of ration that was called "emergency supplies" (Neprikosnovenny Zapas -- NZ). The ration was intended to last for a 24-hour period. It was issued to each individual for the first time in April 1952 and was to be kept with one's alert gear. The companies on the Soviet-US zone border of Austria which had this ration were instructed that in the event of hostilities they were to use it for the initial 24-hour period. [redacted]

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In addition to the companies which were located on the border, the companies remaining with each battalion also had this ration. The companies with the battalion did not issue the ration to the individual but maintained a quantity in each unit supply room. The regiment maintained an additional supply of this ration [quantity unknown].

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2. This ration was packaged in individual cloth (similar to burlap) containers which were about 15 x 15 x 8 cm. It contained one can of meat (generally beef), rye crackers, and 40 gr. of pressed sugar divided into six cubes. The can of meat was tubular, about 15 cm. long and 8 cm. in diameter. There was no provision made for opening the cans.
3. The ration was replaced every six months with a fresh issue from the regiment. The old rations were then eaten by the men. [redacted]

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